

COMPANIES CONSOLIDATE.

Cumberland and Home Telephone Companies To Be Merged Into New Corporation.

R. E. COOPER AT THE HEAD.

Covers Two Counties and Will Have 5,000 Phones Under One Management.

It is announced by authority that consolidation of the local exchanges of the Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Co. and the Hopkinsville Home Telephone Co. will be consummated in the near future, and both companies will pass under the control of one to be known as the Christian-Todd Telephone Co., which will acquire the franchise of the Home company granted Aug. 6, 1905, and of the Cumberland granted Dec. 29, 1910. Mr. R. E. Cooper will be President of the new company and when seen yesterday Mr. Cooper said:

"Certain local interests have interested sufficient capital to take over and operate substantially all of the telephone property in Christian and Todd counties, both Bell and Independent. The new company has a million dollars capital, and will have no bonds. No stock will be issued except at actual value, and sufficient funds have already been obtained to insure a successful operation of the properties, as well as sufficient sums to extend the service.

"It is the purpose of the new management to take over these properties at an early date, and at once set about making physical connection, and to arrange the plants in such ways as to prevent the necessity of business houses paying for two telephones, and to give service to all

the residences instead of having the service divided among the different companies, as now exists."

When asked in regard to what rates the new company would charge Mr. Cooper said:

"It is not the purpose of the management to increase rates, but, on the contrary, to give a larger service and a better service at the same rates. The new company does not believe that raising rates will become necessary, but that the maximum rates now charged will not be raised. The policy of the new company will be to give a better service and a much more extended service, both local and long distance. The organization of this company is in no sense an effort to make the public pay more for telephone service, but is intended to relieve a situation which many people seriously object to, and in the aggregate reduce the telephone bills of many of the patrons."

The company had its first annual meeting yesterday its home office will be in Hopkinsville, and the following officers, were elected:

R. E. Cooper, President,
D. G. Edwards, General Manager,
Frank G. Hoge, Secretary.

A large number of the stockholders in the new company are citizens of Christian and Todd counties, and will be interested in and have a voice in the future management of the company.

The company starts with every chance of success and will be welcomed by our people as ridding us of a long standing inconvenience in dividing the communities into two factions, each receiving telephone service from a different company and being unable to communicate with each other. Christian and Todd counties, no doubt, have developed the largest telephone business of any counties in the state. The new company will start with approximately 5,000 telephones in the counties of Christian and Todd.

The President.

Mr. R. E. Cooper, the president of the new company, has for 25 years been one of Hopkinsville's prominent and successful business men. Nearly all of his life he has been engaged in the tobacco business and is now

President of the Tobacco Board of Trade, which position he has held for several years. At the same time he has had other extensive business interests and has been active in the development of real estate. He is also President of the Hopkinsville Business Men's Association, President of the Terry Coal & Coke Co., President of the Meacham Contracting Co. and is actively interested in other big concerns.

D. G. Edwards, the new manager, is the present manager of the Home Co. He began his telephone career as manager of the Cumberland exchange at Lafayette, was then transferred to Guthrie and has for four years been in his present position here.

Mr. Hoge was one of the organizers of the Home Telephone Co. and is recognized as one of the most enterprising and wide awake young business men in the city.

OFF FOR PORTLAND.

Lucian H. Davis to Represent Local Elks in Annual Meet.

Lucian H. Davis left last night for Portland, Oregon, as the representative of Hopkinsville Lodge No. 545 B P. O. E. in the annual meeting of the Supreme Lodge, which will be in session from the 8th to the 13th inst., at Portland.

Mr. Davis will be absent from the city for a month, as after the meeting adjourns he will spend a few days in Oklahoma City and Hot Springs. Before returning home he will also visit his sister in Amarillo, Texas.

NEW DIRECTORY

Is Being Delivered To Subscribers In The City.

The Cron Directory Co. is this week delivering the new city directory compiled sixty days ago. It is a handsome and substantially bound book in the same style of binding as the last one. It gives the official population of Hopkinsville as 10,146, with 3,000 more in the suburbs.

FIVE KILLED IN MID-AIR

Terrible Disaster Befell the Big Craft Akron--Proposed to Cross the Atlantic.

GREATEST DISASTER OF KIND.

Melvin Vaniman, Its Builder and Pilot, With Four Others, Hurlled to Death in Ocean.

Atlantic City, N. J., July 3.—Sailing out over the Atlantic ocean under perfect control, the great airship Akron, in command of Melvin Vaniman, with a crew of four men, exploded while more than 500 feet in the air early yesterday and shot down into the water, a tangled mass. The daring navigator and his companions were carried to instant death.

In all the tragic history of aerial disasters probably none was as sensational as that which destroyed the most costly aircraft ever constructed in the western hemisphere. Built to withstand the storms of the Atlantic, and to carry at least a dozen men across the ocean, the Akron went to her doom in calm weather. Those who went down with the big dirigible besides the intrepid Vaniman were:

Calvin Vaniman, his younger brother,
Fred Elmer.

George Bourvillion, of Philadelphia.

Walter C. Gest, a friend of Vaniman's financial backer.

Up to sundown two bodies, those of Calvin Vaniman and Gest, had been recovered from the wreckage, which lies submerged in about eighteen feet of water, off Brigantine Beach.

The dimensions were: Length of

bag, 253 feet; diameter, 47 feet. The bag was made of a composition of rubber and was constructed in Ohio.

Camping Out.

Mrs. Claude R. Clark and Mrs. Lizzie Clark, Misses Katherine Long, Katie Payton, Jean McKee, Louise Moore and Messrs. H. W. Linton, Alvin Clark, Ira Smith, Jr., Aubrey Tuggle, left Wednesday for Jones mill, near Pee Dee, to spend a week. Two colored men as cooks, cots and a big supply of provisions were carried along, and if the weather proves favorable they expect to have a grand outing.

Will Close Today.

J. H. Anderson & Co. will close their stores today, all day, and will give their salespeople a chance to see the ball games here and at Clarksville, or to spend the Fourth in any way they choose.

PURELY PERSONAL.

Mrs. Coleman, of Tennessee, is visiting her son, Thos. E. Coleman, South Main Street.

Mrs. W. C. Doherty, Miss Marion, Morris and Wesley left yesterday for Savannah, Tenn., to visit relatives, after which they will go to Denver, Colo., where they will make their return home. After recovering from a serious illness last summer Mr. Doherty went West. Though now entirely well Mr. Doherty's physicians have insisted on his staying in Colorado.

Mrs. Lloyd Whitlow, of Guthrie, spent Monday night with Miss Jennie E. Glass.

Fred A. Wallis, of New York, is expected to arrive Friday night on a brief visit to his old home.

Summers Cooper is quite ill at the home of his parents, Campbell and 8th streets.

J. G. Roach and family, of Hopkinsville, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Hodge.—Princeton Leader.

Mr. J. F. Danforth is visiting in Paducah.

Mrs. Phil. Pointer, of Combs, Mo., is visiting Mrs. T. J. McReynolds.

Miss Bessie Carter is visiting in Clarksville.

Mrs. H. R. Diuguid and daughter, Leila, of Memphis, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Diuguid on South Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hiser, of Louisville, are visiting relatives in city.

H. C. Peo, stock salesman for the Southern Fire Insurance Co., of Louisville, who has been in this section for some time, left for Chicago Tuesday night, where he had been called on account of the serious illness of his father. Mr. Peo will return in a few days.

Robert Holdsworth is in Elizabethtown taking a week's vacation.

Miss Webb Young is visiting friends in Elizabethtown.

W. J. Glover has rented one of the Girod cottages on West Fifteenth street, vacated by Benj. E. Stith, and has again gone to housekeeping. Mr. and Mrs. Stith have taken rooms and board with Mrs. John C. Quick.

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Heavy Cowhide Suit Case, straps all around, linen shirt fold, large size, dark or light Russet color, unmatched at \$5.00

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97 fine Russet leather Suit Cases, leather or linen lined, straps all around, worth \$7.50 to \$15.00, at 10 per cent. discount.

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Finest Imported Russia Leather Suit Cases, pig skin lined, worth \$17.50 to \$20.00.

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\$1.00 for 24 inch Matting Suit Cases; worth \$1.50.

\$1.35 for 24 in. Matting Suit Cases, strap all around, leather protected covers.

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\$1.15 for 18 inch Matting Suit Case.

Leather Hand Bags \$3.50 to \$5.00

Good leather Hand Bags, Brown or Russet color, 14 to 18 inch, worth \$3.50 to \$5.00; 10 per cent. discount.

Hand Bags \$7.50 to \$17.50

Imported Russia leather or Walrus hand bags, pig skin lined, Black, Tan and Brown, worth \$7.50 to \$17.50, 10 per cent. discount.

Matting Hand Bags \$1.15

\$1.15 Matting hand bags, leather protected corners.

Steamer Trunk 10 per cent. Off

37 Steamer Trunks, cheapest to the very best, worth \$5.00 to \$22.50, at 10 per cent. off.

Trunks 10 per cent. Off.

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Trunks and Bags are sold at a smaller profit than any line in the trade, and when we offer 10 per cent. off we give all our profit.